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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Raymond Covington	1625	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/18/04, 10/11/05.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/18/04, 10/11/05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "according to claim 1 or 2"..." "by calcining... as defined in claim 2". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The claim as presently recited includes dependency solely from claim 1 and would thus be improperly dependent as a limitation of claim 2 is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayden et al US 5,387,751.

Hayden et al teach production of olefin oxides using a silver catalyst produced in the same manner as recited in the claims. See, for example, column 1 lines 13-21, column 2 lines 29+ particularly, lines 29, 34, 44, 59, column 3 lines 39-43, column 4 lines 5.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boeck et al US 5,618,954.

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Boeck et al teach production of olefin oxides using a silver catalyst produced in the same manner as recited in the claims. See, for example, column 1 lines 5-10, column 3 lines 19-36, column 4 lines 49-58, column 5 lines 39, and column 6 lines 6-35.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakashiro et al US 6,498,122.

Nakashiro et al teach production of olefin oxides using a silver catalyst produced in the same manner as recited in the claims. See, for example, column 4 lines 2-22, 35-41, column 3 lines 10-14.

Claims 1,6, 8, 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mul et al US 6,392,066.

Mul et al teach production of olefin oxides using a silver catalyst produced in the same manner as recited in the claims. See, for example, column 1 lines 22-70, column 2 lines 1-40.

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond Covington whose telephone number is (571) 272-0681. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, C. Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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